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Applicant(s): Y. NAKATANI, et al  
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For: STORAGE SYSTEM AND FILE-REFERENCE METHOD OF  
REMOTE-SITE STORAGE SYSTEM  
Group:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 29, 2004

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Substitute Specification and Marked Up Version of Original Specification;  
Amendment of the Abstract;  
Amendment of the Claims; and  
Remarks are included following the amendments.